

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the application of:

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Hartig et al.

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For: EDGE TREATMENTS FOR COATED SUBSTRATES

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Applicant's representatives would like to thank Examiner Glessner for extending them the courtesy of a personal interview on July 14, 2004 to discuss this case. The following recordation of the substance of the interview is believed to be complete and proper, in accordance with MPEP 713.04. It is requested that the Examiner notify the undersigned if he believes this Statement contains any inaccuracies or if the Examiner believes the Statement is otherwise not complete and proper.

Interview participants: (1) Examiner Brian E. Glessner; (2) Applicant's attorney, John Dolan; and (3) Applicant's attorney, Eric Snustad.

No agreement was reached during the interview.

No exhibit or demonstration was shown during the interview.

Claims 1-20 were discussed during the interview.

The following references were discussed: (1) United States Patent No. 4,587,769 (Cathers); and United States Patent No. 5,873,203 (Thiel).

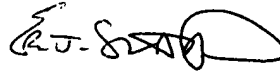
No Amendments were discussed during the interview.

The general thrust of the arguments made during the interview was that no obvious combination of Cathers and Thiel would achieve the claimed invention because the Cathers reference does not teach removing peripheral coating areas from opposed sides of a substrate, but rather only contemplates removing the periphery of a coating from one side of a substrate (e.g., the side of a pane to be exposed to the between-pane space of an IG unit), and because the Thiel reference likewise shows only an interior coating the periphery of which has been removed.

No other pertinent matters were discussed during the interview.

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Respectfully submitted,



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